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Editorial Opinion

How Much Longer?

Once again, the trial of the Neshoba County death case has been delayed--this time "indefinitely." U.S. District Judge Harold Cox--who took it upon himself to delay the trial--has shown once more that he is unfit for the federal bench.

Justice Department spokesmen said this week--as they said last time Cox stalled the trial--that they will simply wait for the case to be put back on the court schedule. Meanwhile, though, the department continues to let almost every other civil rights case in the South go completely to hell.

The government's handling of the Harvey Conner trial in Montgomery was uninspired, to say the least. The Justice Department has staged a slow-motion cake-walk through urgent school-desegregation cases, like the ones in Neshoba County and in Choctaw County, Ala.

How much more time is going to be wasted on a case that the government has almost no chance of winning? Either the Justice Department should press for a quick trial in the Neshoba County killings, or it should go on to other cases that are equally important.

The government should ask Judge Cox to hold the trial immediately, or to remove himself from the case. If he refuses, his decision should be appealed to the U. S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

It is only one tragedy of the Neshoba County death case that three more killings are going unpunished. Another--and possibly greater--tragedy is that while the Neshoba case occupies the attention of the Justice Department and the nation, Negroes across the South are suffering without even the hope of legal protection.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor: Nearly all literate Negroes read the Negro Press, some Negro periodicals, and at least a local daily paper. Few, however, avail themselves of the free forums in the press to express views on current issues.

Although there may be many who subscribe to or read Afro-American newspapers, the bulk of the white reading public gets little of informed Negro opinion on issues of the day.

For many years at the turn of the century, the late Professor Kelly Miller was a regular commentator appearing in the Washington Star as the "Sage of the Potomac."

tor, but some like the Washington Star, grant full-length double column to its public...

Generally the letter should be typed, double-spaced, brief, and to the point. I am reminded of the value of such writing by quoting from an article by Carl Rowan in the April issue of Ebony.

E. B. Henderson
Tuskegee Institute

Your Welfare Rights

ADC Cut Off If You See a Man

BY LAURA ENGLE

Throughout the South, the "substitute father" policy is one of the most common devices used to deny or cut off Aid to Dependent Children (ADC). Under this policy, a welfare department can deny assistance to needy children if their mother has any social life at all.

The welfare departments assume that a substitute father is supporting all the mother's children. Therefore, the departments say, the children don't need any more welfare money.

But once most welfare offices determine a man's relationship with an ADC mother, they don't usually bother to see if he is actually contributing any money to the household.

A man can be called a substitute father whether or not he is the real father of any of the children. The welfare departments ignore the fact that the mother has no way of forcing one man to support another man's children.

Welfare departments have many ways of trying to find a substitute father. It is not unusual for them to question neighbors, shop-keepers, employers, and others about the mother's relations with men.

When the departments receive a report that an ADC applicant or recipient has been seen with a man, they assume that the mother is having sexual relations with him. And then they assume

Annual Celebration
B'ham Folks Look Ahead

BY ROBIN REISIG

BIRMINGHAM -- Several hundred members of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights (ACMHR) gathered in the Metropolitan CME Church of Ensley last Monday, for some happy singing and a look at the movement they've supported for the past 11 years.

It was the ACMHR's 11th annual celebration. The ACMHR had its first meeting on June 5, 1956 -- just after the NAACP was outlawed in Alabama.

"They thought by outlawing the NAACP, there would be no civil rights movement in Birmingham," recalled the Rev. Edward Gardner, ACMHR vice-president, after last Monday's meeting.

The Rev. T. Y. Rogers, president of the Tuscaloosa Citizens for Action Committee (TCAC), talked to the gathering about "where we are in the civil rights movement." From 11 years ago, when "non-violence was fresh on the tongue," he said, "we have moved from the era of civil rights to the era of human rights."

"A civil right," he explained, is "a right which is guaranteed by the Constitution." Human rights--which are "not so clearly defined in our Constitution"--include "a decent living, decent sanitary housing, the right to a quality education, and the right to a well-paying job," Rogers said.

"We now have the right to buy a hot dog, but we don't have the money to buy it with."

Rogers expressed sharp disappointment in "middle-class white America." These people supported the civil rights movement in the past, he said, but "as soon as the brutality stopped, they thought everything was all right."

'Truth for Black People'

All-Negro Staff Starts Mississippi Newspaper

BY PATRICIA JAMES

JACKSON, Miss.--"This paper was started because there is no newspaper in Mississippi written by black people.



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written for black people, and completely controlled by the Negro people," said Donald Jackson, editor of the Mississippi Independent Community Newspaper.

Jackson said the newspaper--now one month old--got started when about ten people from various places in Mississippi decided it was time to do something.

"We spent six months talking to people and ourselves, and said that we needed a newspaper that tells the truth to black people," he said.

The Mississippi Independent Community Newspaper has an office on N. Farish St. here. Besides Jackson, the all-Negro staff includes Jesse Harris, the co-ordinator, and Miss Marjorie Hyatt, the secretary and treasurer.

that he is supporting the entire family.

The mother is never confronted with the evidence about her supposed relations with men. In order to disprove the relationship, she must try to get evidence herself--asking the man to testify, and asking her friends and neighbors to help her. Very often, even this will not be enough to convince the welfare worker that the relationship is innocent or non-existent.

And should the mother admit having sexual relations with a man--even though he contributes nothing to her support and is the father of none of her children--she will be denied welfare assistance in most states.

If the mother becomes pregnant, her children will almost certainly be cut off welfare. In Alabama, the mother's pregnancy is considered proof that her

Public Housing Fight Is Settled in Bullock

BY MARY ELLEN GALE

UNION SPRINGS--After months of argument, Negro leaders and white officials have finally come to an agreement over the location of 60 new units of public housing.

But they still don't agree on what the argument was about.

Rufus C. Huffman, head of the local NAACP, said the city housing authority originally planned to put some of the new homes in a white section of town, and the rest in a Negro area.

"They were trying to perpetuate segregation," Huffman charged. And that, he said, was the reason why he refused to approve the proposed sites last winter.

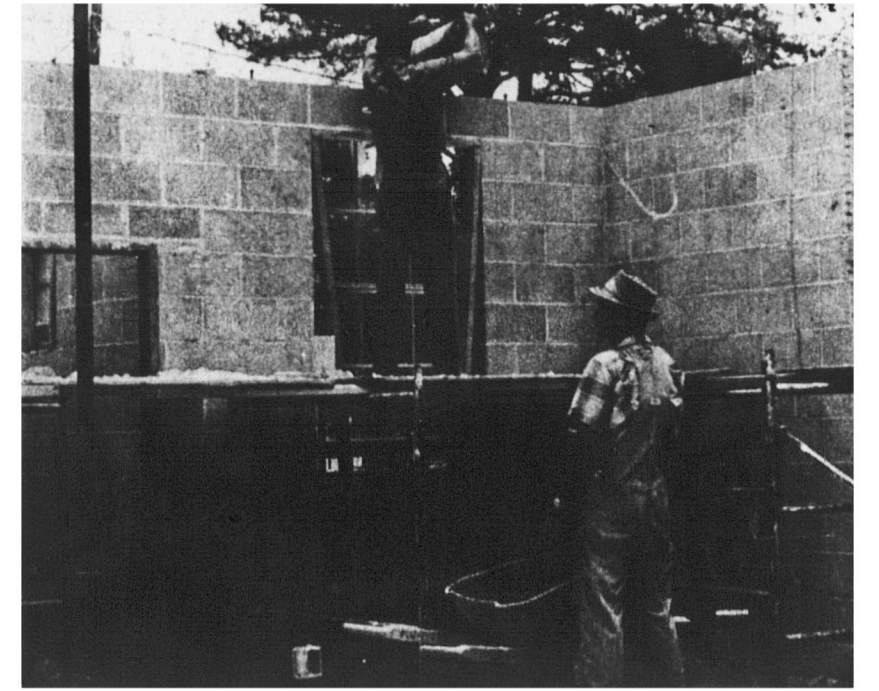
Instead, he wrote a letter of complaint to Frank Kelly, director of the city housing authority, and to the federal agency that supplies the funds for public housing.

Because "minority group" approval is needed to split public housing projects into blocs of less than 50 homes, Huffman said, plans for the new units were held up until a federal official came to town last month.

Huffman said the official, Hubert Jackson, worked out an agreement with the city housing authority. Now, Huffman said, the housing authority has promised to build more than 20 of the new homes "in a buffer zone."

He said this area, on the northeast side of town, is in a racially-mixed neighborhood that is satisfactory to the local NAACP.

"We'll go along with it," Huffman said, "with the intention of encouraging Negro residents to move in. And we



WORKMEN AT THE LOCKE AVE, HOUSING PROJECT

have Jackson's word that the federal authority will keep a close watch on things."

Kelly, the city housing director, agreed that Jackson had worked out most of the problems about the new housing sites.

But Kelly denied that city housing officials had ever intended to use public housing to promote segregation.

"I've been here ever since this thing started in 1952," Kelly said, "and I can tell you that's not true." He said that a housing project is now under construction across the street from an area where "the houses go along so it's almost one of every other color."

Union Springs' two oldest housing projects are entirely segregated, Kelly admitted. But he said that was the decision of a housing advisory committee made up of people who live in the all-Negro project.

"We've never had any Negro applications for the white one," Kelly said,

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failed to have signed up to go back to John Rundle and Lizzie Horn.

The students who think they got low grades because they were Negroes believe things will be different next year. Said one high school student, "They just did that to see would we still come back."

"but we have had a dozen whites apply for the Negro one. The advisory committee said no. The committee members all said they did not want to court trouble."

He's the First!

NOXAPATER, Miss. -- Harry Truman Spiva got his diploma from Noxapater High School last month. That made him the first Negro ever to graduate from a previously all-white school in Winston County. Spiva's father, the Rev. Johnny Lee Spiva, had sent two of his younger children to the Noxapater school in 1965-66, after the county schools were desegregated by a court order.

During that first year of desegregation, a cross was burned in front of the Spiva home. "That encouraged me to send them all," the minister said. So this year, six Spiva children -- including Harry -- were among the 21 Negroes who enrolled at Noxapater High.

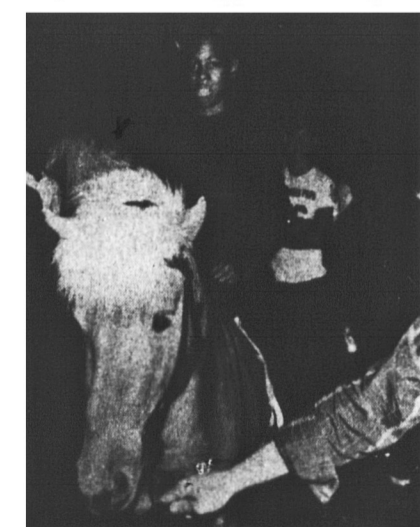
Harry Spiva said this week that the white children had often hit him, and had told him they didn't want him to finish the year.

But he did finish, graduating with a C average. Now, he says, he is thinking of studying at Mississippi State University.



Montgomery

Twelve-year-old Warren Staddery held the lucky ticket at the Montgomery Rebels game last Friday night. He was the only Negro kid to win a prize, and his prize was the big prize of the night--



WARREN AND REBEL

a tan and white Shetland pony. Afterwards, Warren refused an offer of \$35 for the pony, saying, "He's worth \$1,000,000 to me." Warren said it wasn't any trouble getting the pony home, because the Staddery family lives on Adams St. near the ball park. When he got the pony home, he named it "Rebel." The game--attended by thousands of kids--was won by the Knoxville Smokies, 7 to 5. (From Franklin Howard)

Meridian, Miss.

STAR, Inc. (Systematic Training and Redevelopment) of Meridian has added sewing to its adult basic education course. STAR's job-development specialist, Paul Busby, said the course was added because of the trouble the center has had in finding jobs for its women graduates. He said there are 11 garment factories around Meridian that hire women qualified as sewing-machine operators. Several of these factories helped STAR set up its new course. Burnley Shirt Corporation gave

the school ten sewing machines, and other companies donated cloth and thread. Buraley also sent one of its machine operators, Miss Fannie Smith, to teach the course.

Madison, Wis.

John Hulett of Hayneville, Ala., and Frank Smith of Lower Peach Tree, Ala., were among 53 people who graduated from a University of Wisconsin training course last Friday. They had been trained for 11 weeks in community action. Graduates of the program will return to their home counties to work on community problems, especially poverty.

Waynesboro, Miss.

Nearly 200 people crowded into Bryant's Day Care Center last Monday night for the monthly meeting of the Wayne County Friends of the Children of Mississippi (FCM). A doctor from Yale University told the group they needed to learn more about health, nutrition, and birth control. Children from FCM centers in Wayne and Greene counties sang songs they had learned in their classes.

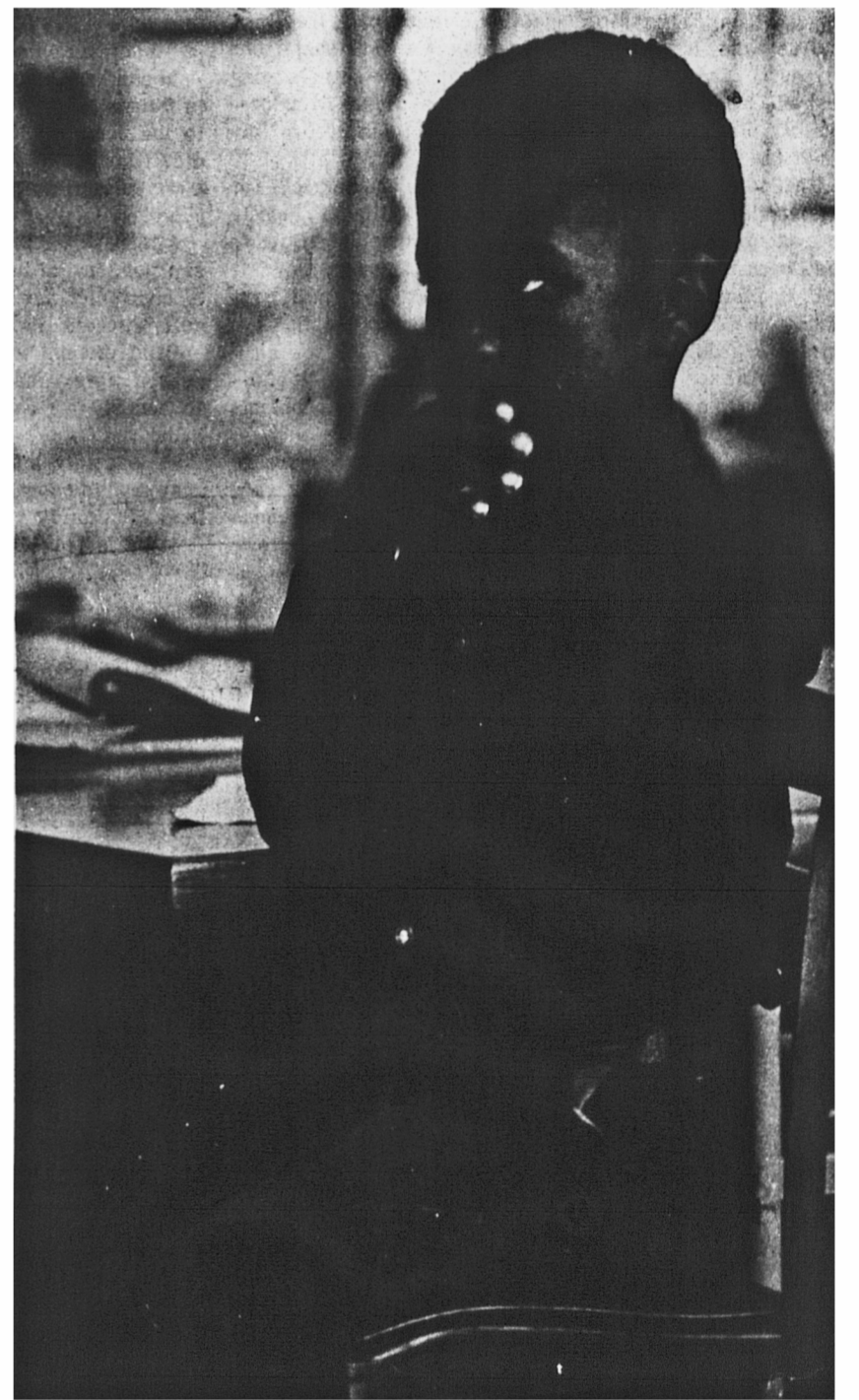
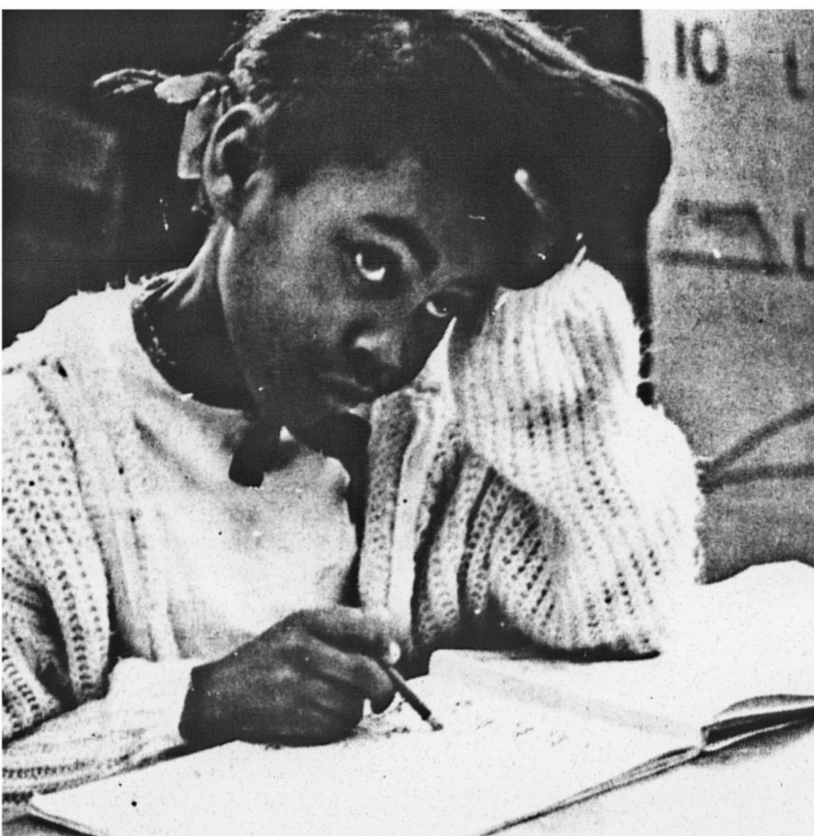
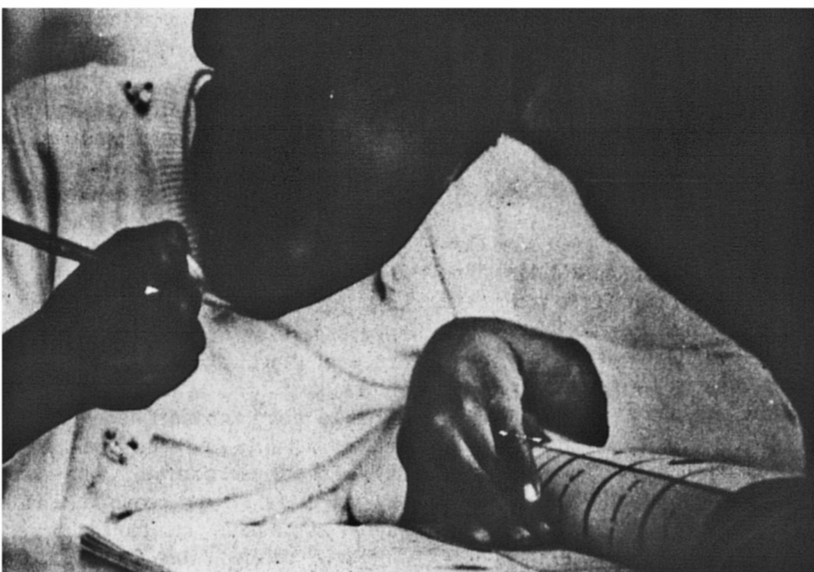
Meridian, Miss.

St. Joseph's Catholic School held its kindergarten graduation last Sunday in the school cafeteria. About 75 people were present, to see the 20 graduating students in their white caps and gowns. Miss Terry Sitta Robinson, Jeffrey Hunter, and Miss Darlene Gere gave the welcome address. Their caps fell off when they bowed. "Your grandmother didn't have the start you have--you should be grateful. You are graduating from a school that shows you something," said the Rev. Joseph Kehrer, pastor of St. Joseph Parish, as he gave out the diplomas. "This school is different from all the rest. This school shows you the way to heaven. One thing for sure, you are being taught about God and how to get there." Kenneth Clark gave the closing address. The class motto is "Play with your might." (From Patricia James)



Children in the Classroom

A World All Their Own



Photos by Jim Pepler



Gray's Election Case Is Full of Surprises

BY MARY ELLEN GALE

MONTGOMERY--On the night of May 3, 1966, it looked as though Fred D. Gray had done something a lot of people said was impossible.

According to the election returns flowing into Gray's law office in Tuskegee, the Negro attorney had won the Democratic primary election for a seat in the Alabama House of Representatives.

Since there was no active Republican Party in the three counties which made up his district, Gray seemed certain to become the first Negro elected to a state office in Alabama since Reconstruction.

Twenty miles south of Tuskegee, Henry Oscar Williams and Rufus C. Huffman sat in the front parlor of a funeral home in Union Springs, counting their election returns. Williams was Bullock County's first Negro candidate for sheriff. Huffman was the county's first Negro candidate for tax assessor. As the early results trickled in, both men thought they were winners.

But as the hours wore on, Williams' and Huffman's majorities ebbed away. Ben McGhee and Alonza Ellis, two Negroes who ran for seats on the Bullock County court of commissioners, were even further behind.

And, as Gray told a federal court judge in Montgomery last month, "at first it seemed I had won. . . . but when all the ballots from Barbour County came in the next morning, it seemed I had lost."

The five Negro candidates believed that the election had been stolen from them. They made careful preparations for the May 31 run-off election. But again, they lost.

This time, however, the candidates took their suspicions to court. They filed a huge, complicated law-suit charging that election officials in Alabama's 31st House District--Bullock, Barbour, and Macon counties--had conspired to "dilute" the Negro vote.

That suit wound its way through motions and hearings for ten months. Meanwhile Gray's opponent, William V. Neville Jr., and four other white men won the contested positions in the November election, and took office in January.

U. S. District Judge Virgil Pittman heard only a small portion of the case in four days of testimony last month. The trial is scheduled to continue on July 24.

Fred Wallace of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, chief attorney for the Negro candidates, ran into some problems right away.

One problem was that some of his first 29 witnesses were white people who appeared in court only because they were ordered to do so. Wallace had to pry testimony out of these unfriendly witnesses with long series of seemingly aimless

questions.

Frequently, as Wallace pounced in with the crucial question, Judge Pittman would rule that the witness did not have to answer it. Over and over, the judge prodded Wallace to speed up the case.

Pittman seldom interrupted the cross-examination of witnesses by lawyers for the white county officials. When he did, R. E. L. Cope Sr., an attorney for the Bullock County officials, protested.

"Are we to do without cross-examination, your honor?" demanded Cope at one point.

"Oh no, Mr. Cope," said Judge Pittman. "We are just trying to weed out the repetition of things that are so well-established."

The judge occasionally commented on the proceedings for other reasons. He broke in when Solomon S. Seay, Gray's law partner in Montgomery, began his testimony by saying, "I was called in to associate with Mr. Wallace."

"You mean Mr. Fred Wallace, don't you?" interrupted Judge Pittman, grinning broadly. He and the lawyers for the county officials all laughed.

On another occasion, Judge Pittman returned early from a recess and sat down in a chair near the defense lawyers. The white lawyers soon gathered around to talk and joke with the judge. Wallace and his assistants sat quietly at their table across the courtroom, waiting to continue with their case.

But at the end of the week, Judge Pittman reassured both sides that he meant to conduct a fair trial. "I did not and do not intend to keep you from examining anybody," he told Wallace and Cope. "I only stopped you from reading what I could read for myself."

The trial was full of surprises. Several of Wallace's witnesses gave important pieces of evidence for the first time in court--although they had been told to reveal the substance of their testimony earlier, during pre-trial hearings.

In one instance, Miss Rosie Outsey, a Negro poll-watcher in Perote in rural Bullock County, was not allowed to testify to the name of a Negro voter who asked for assistance but didn't get it. "You said you didn't have these names, but now you come to court with them," Pittman said as he overruled Wallace's protest.

Attorneys for the Bullock County officials read Miss Outsey portions of her earlier sworn statement which seemed to contradict her testimony in court that Negro voters and poll-watchers in Perote were harassed and intimidated.

"Did you not testify (at the earlier hearing) that so far as you were concerned, this was an honest, fair election, an honest, fair count of the ballots, and an honest return?" thundered Cope.

"I probably misunderstood the question," Miss Outsey answered in court. "Because it (the election) was not honest. It was not fair."

After leaving the courtroom, Miss Outsey gave another



FRED D. GRAY CAMPAIGNING

explanation for her contradictory testimony. "At that hearing," she said, "Mr. Cope, he made those questions as long as he could. I'd ask him to repeat and he'd say, 'Just answer the question.'"

When none of Gray's attorneys said anything to back her up, Miss Outsey recalled, "I'd just go along and answer yes or no without really knowing what the question was."

Miss Outsey also surprised the defense attorneys when they asked her about white voters in Perote.

Wallace had called in population experts to testify that the number of white adults in Bullock, Barbour, and Macon counties was 5,000 less than the number of white people registered to vote in the three counties.

He put white officials on the stand to show that it would have been easy to get--and cast--dozens and perhaps hundreds of illegal absentee ballots in the names of the extra voters.

But he didn't ask most of the Negro poll-watchers whether they actually saw white non-residents voting on election day. So defense attorney Cope asked Miss Outsey, "You say you know all the people in Perote? . . . You didn't see anyone at the polls you didn't know, did you?"

"Yes," replied Miss Outsey, as Cope's smile faded. "I seen two or three people they didn't live in Bullock County," Judge Pittman asked her if they had voted. "Yes," Miss Outsey said.

But she couldn't remember the names under which the non-residents had voted. And another chance to get the names of illegal voters was fumbled away when H. O. Williams was on the stand.

Williams said that he trailed two car-loads of white people from the Bullock County courthouse to the Pike County line after they had registered to vote on May 16, 1966. Cope asked him to prove it by giving the auto tag numbers.

Williams said he didn't have the tag numbers: "I gave them to my lawyers." Wallace said he thought Seay had the tag numbers. Seay said he thought he'd given them to the Justice Department lawyers. John Rosenberg, a Justice Department attorney, at first said he didn't know where the numbers were. Later, out of court, he said the Justice Department "had no record" of ever having received the numbers.

Cope watered down Williams' testimony still further by getting him to admit that one of the two cars turned off down a road which meanders back and forth between Bullock and Pike counties.

But Gray's attorneys did manage to obtain solid, specific testimony about the handling of absentee ballots for white voters.

Hunter Slaton, register of the Macon County Circuit Court, at first said he notarized "very few" ballots--but later identified his signature on about 40 of them. Wallace selected one ballot and asked if the voter had appeared before Slaton. When Slaton said yes, Wallace asked, "Do not the application (for an absentee ballot) and the ballot say (the voter) was confined to a nursing home with a broken hip? . . . Were not both notarized on the same day?"

Slaton answered yes to both questions. But when Wallace tried to ask Slaton about other absentee ballots, Judge Pittman ruled out that line of questioning. "I can read the ballots myself," the judge explained.

Three Bullock County doctors testified that they certified

absentee ballots for many white patients who had been disabled for weeks, months, or even years. They said most of these people would not have been able to leave their homes in May of last year.

Wallace then put into evidence a list of several white absentee voters. All of them had been certified by the doctors as unable to vote in person. And all of them--according to Bullock County records--had registered to vote in person on May 16, 1966, at the county courthouse.

Some of the most important--and confusing--testimony concerned the behavior of Negro poll-watchers and white election officials.

Two Barbour County poll-watchers--Mrs. Mary D. Marshall and Mrs. Clara Cochran--testified that they were harassed by white people. But Preston Clayton, an attorney for Barbour County officials, drew a different picture of events as he cross-examined Gray.

Clayton charged that one of Gray's campaign workers went inside the voting booths at one polling place with "each illiterate colored voter" and cast all those ballots for Gray. "Didn't you provide these colored girls with big six-inch badges saying 'I am for Fred D. Gray' to wear on election day?" snapped Clayton. "Not at the polls," Gray replied.

Mrs. Essie Nell Russell, a Negro poll official at the National Guard Armory in Union Springs, testified that police officers threatened to arrest Negro poll-watchers if they didn't leave the building. Several Negro poll-watchers corroborated her testimony.

Joe Adams, a white poll official, claimed that he didn't "believe" the Negro poll-watchers were threatened with arrest. But he admitted telling the poll-watchers they were "subject to a fine of \$200" for using "poll lists" of the names of registered voters.

Adams said the Negro poll-watchers frequently interfered with the election by crowding around the voting machines. The official said one poll-watcher "was trying to get into the machine and see each voter vote. . . . He was listening and peeking through the curtain."

The Negroes also complained that the bathrooms in the armory were locked on May 31.

But the defense attorneys set out to prove there wasn't any discrimination: "White people there were deprived just as the Negroes were?" Cope asked Adams. "There were no restroom facilities for anyone," Adams replied.

Cope then pointed out that the armory is "in a Negro residential section, so (bathroom facilities) were really more convenient for Negroes than for whites."

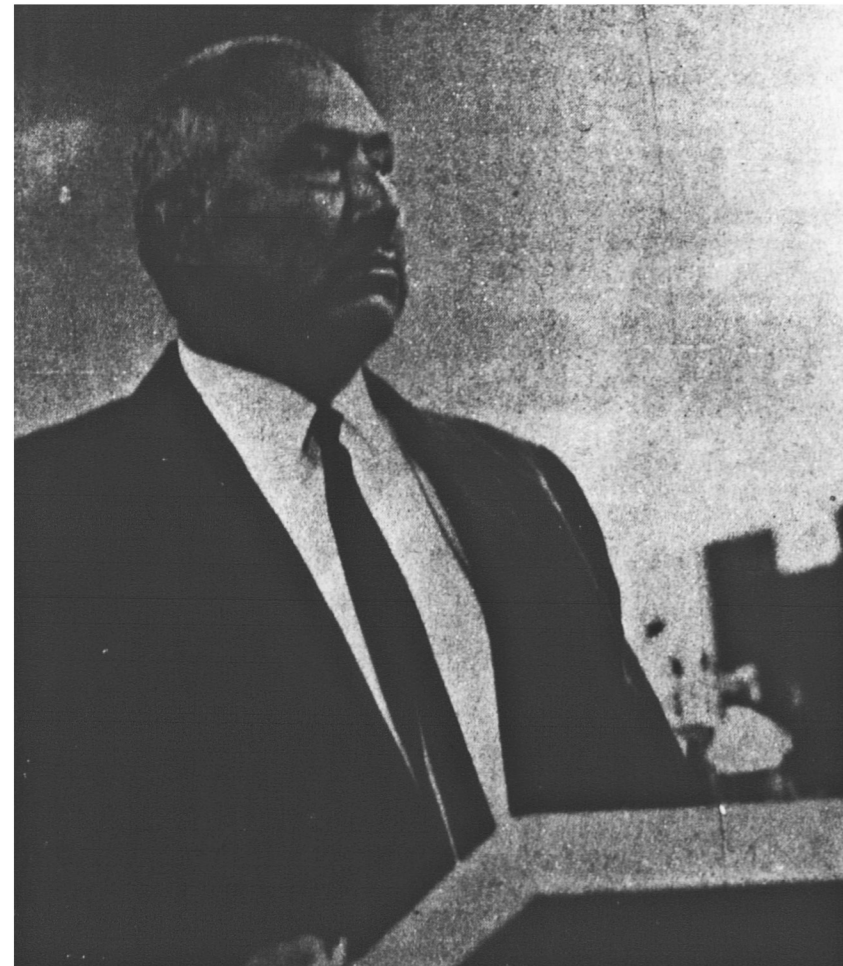
But when the subject of bathrooms came up later in the trial, Judge Pittman indicated that he had heard enough. "There's no point to the restrooms being locked up," the judge said bluntly.

After the trial ends this summer, Judge Pittman will have to decide whether there was any point to the rest of the evidence.

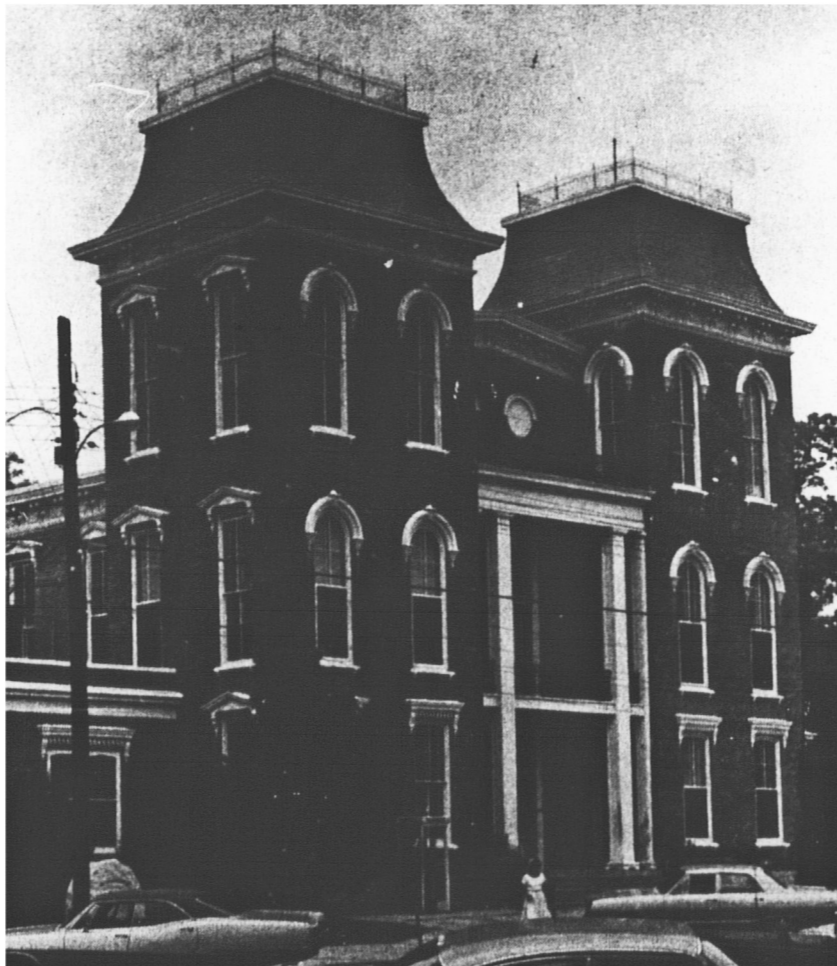
If Pittman rules that the May 31, 1966 election was dishonest, he will then have to decide whether the five Negro candidates are entitled to the new election they seek. By the time the case is over--one way or another--the Negroes' white opponents will have been in office for more than six months.



VOTERS LISTENING TO GRAY



H. O. WILLIAMS



THE BULLOCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE



RUFUS C. HUFFMAN

Kids Graduate in Tuskegee

BY MARY ELLEN GALE

TUSKEGEE--More than 300 people gathered in the Tuskegee High School auditorium last Friday night to see six Negro and 14 white seniors receive their high school diplomas.

The bi-racial audience included people with opposite opinions about school desegregation. As a speaker came up to the microphone on-stage, he could see civil rights supporters with one eye and segregationists with the other.

Each of the three main speakers had to decide whether to talk about school desegregation. Each of them solved the problem in a different way.

James I. Cohn, a white student who was star quarterback on the football team, tackled the subject head-on in his valedictory remarks.

State Senator Tom Radney--who represents Macon County (mostly Negro) and Tallapoosa and Elmore counties (mostly white)--gave the kind of speech that got him elected. "Tonight there's a lot of love in this auditorium," he said.

And Miss Bettye C. Harris, a Negro student, gave the salutatory speech without referring to school desegrega-



TUSKEGEE HIGH GRADUATES

tion at all. Cohn, the valedictorian, reminded his classmates that "a high-ranking state official (former Governor George C. Wallace) forced the closing of our school" after a federal court ordered it to begin desegregation in September,

1963. "We were being used as a political football," Cohn said.

"Long will I remember the day an army of state troopers surrounded our school and no one was permitted to enter. I asked myself: 'Is this America, the land of the free? Is this democracy?'"

In the "year of confusion" that followed, "the future of Tuskegee High School looked hopeless," Cohn said. But then, he added, the county school board and some parents joined together, and "slowly but surely they began to take the pieces that were left and put the puzzle back together."

A white man in the front row stood up and stalked out of the auditorium, but Cohn didn't pause. "Of course, some of our former classmates took the path of least resistance," he said. "But we replaced them with others."

In the past year, Cohn told the audience, "the student body was 100% behind us."

Senator Radney told the high school students that he was "not concerned about the future of this state so long as it lies in the hands of the young people

of Alabama."

But he also had a few words of advice: "If you play the game of life as any less than an all-American," he said, "you will be left in the backfield while someone else is making a touchdown."

"There is no room in this country of ours for prejudice. There is no room for a blind passion for the grand old days of yesterday."

"I'm just old enough to tell you, there never was any grand old days of yesterday," Radney said. "We have never lived in such greatness as we live in now."

Miss Harris, the salutatorian, said she and her classmates had reached "a milestone"--"the end of the beginning."

As the high school students go on to jobs or college, she said, "all of us have a responsibility for the progressive growth of our society."

...Parents Complain

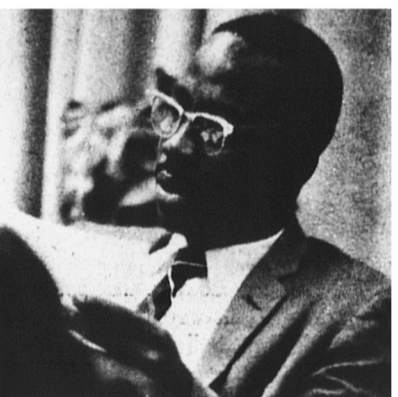
BY MARY ELLEN GALE

TUSKEGEE--A few weeks ago, two Negro boys were quietly transferred from the bi-racial Tuskegee High School to the all-Negro Tuskegee Institute High School.

For several months, Negro athletes at Tuskegee High have been required to train for all sports if they wanted to play on any school teams.

And most of the Macon County school buses still carry children of only one race.

A group of Tuskegee High School par-



ents and Tuskegee Institute faculty members went to last week's meeting of the Macon County Board of Education to ask why.

But, said one of the parents, Mrs. Wilhelmina Jones, "there were no positive answers to any of our questions."

One of the parents' main concerns, said another member of the group, was the "purely illegal" transfer of the two Negro students in the middle of a semester.

"They said it was for poor grades," the spokesman said. "But it was not for that reason at all. The real reason was for telephoning white girls."

The spokesman said that when the group tried to discuss this with the board, they were told "it was not our business."

"But it is our business," he said. "It's a matter of principle. It could have been any of our children. Students are going to like each other. They're going to communicate. It's a natural and normal thing."

At the meeting, Mrs. Jones said, one board member told the parents that they could expect an explanation of the board's position on transfers "at a future date."

But county Schools Superintendent Joe C. Wilson said this week that the board has "no specific transfer policy

at all. These are things that the individual school takes care of," he said. "The board does not handle disciplinary problems."

The parents also asked the board to explain why "in the athletic program, boys must play all sports, or can't play any," Mrs. Jones said. "This is not true anywhere else that we know of."

James H. M. Henderson, a Tuskegee Institute professor who led the parents' group, said he gave the board a letter from Charles D. Stapp, director of health and physical education for the State Department of Education.

The letter said that "the trend is for a student not to take part in but one seasonal sport. . . . I think a student should have summers off, or one season at least during the year."

The parents said they didn't know whether white as well as Negro athletes were required to play all sports. But several Negro high school students said the white athletes don't really have to follow the rule.

"Theoretically, it's for everyone," said one student. "But if the white boys don't show up for practice, the coach doesn't say anything. If we don't--well, he says something."

But Superintendent Wilson said "the parents that came here have the wrong

conception of it. Coaches like boys to be continuously in good physical condition. They have them do all the exercises. That's all there is to it."

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NAACP Speakers Chide School Board, Parents

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The parents also asked about faculty and school bus desegregation. Mrs. Jones said that one bus carries only Negro children to Tuskegee High School. The bus route "makes a perfect S instead of going in a straight line," she said.

But Wilson said the buses are all desegregated. "Anyone who wants to ride them can get on," he said. "Of course we'll always have some segregation, because some buses don't pass white homes."

"Our faculties are not complete yet," he added, "but they will be integrated in most schools next fall."

At the meeting, Henderson complimented the school board for its efforts "to promote good educational policy and human relations." But at a NAACP meeting last Sunday, both the board and Macon County parents came in for criticism.

Macon County children are being "short-changed," because "local people have not given very serious attention to this serious business of education," Stanley H. Smith told the NAACP. Smith, a Tuskegee city councilman and Tuskegee Institute professor, predicted that if there were a study of county schools, it would turn up "glaring deficiencies" in course offerings, teachers' qualifications, and school taxes.

He urged "interested citizens" to join together and "project a program to meet the needs and ends of the people."

"We have the human resources here" to provide quality education, Smith said, if teachers, parents, and taxpayers are willing to make the necessary sacrifices. "If it cannot be done in Macon County, it cannot be done in Alabama."

After Smith was through speaking, several parents said they had already tried to improve their schools--but without having any effect.

"I am part of a PTA in which some of this has been attempted," said the Rev. Vernon A. Jones, pastor of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Tuskegee. "But the attitude of the principals and teachers was, 'Now the PTA is beginning to meddle in our affairs.'" "How can we get the facts pointed up to the parents," Jones asked, "when what we usually get (from the school board) is a song and dance about how everything is lovely?"

Warren Smith, another Tuskegee faculty member, pointed out that A. J. Scavella, an unsuccessful candidate for the school board last year, "spent considerable time trying to convince everyone of the inadequacies of education in Macon County."

"Since the voters rejected this," he said "perhaps they don't want or deserve a good school system."

JACKSON, Miss.--"The boycott is starting small and growing," said the Rev. Allen Johnson. "We don't expect complete results right away."

Johnson is chairman of the committee organizing a selective buying campaign in Jackson. According to leaflets handed out by demonstrators, the purpose of the campaign is "to protest Ben Brown's death and demand action to change the conditions that led to it."

Twenty-two-year-old Benjamin Brown, a former civil rights worker, was killed May 12 at Jackson State College.

So far, Johnson said last weekend, the buying campaign is directed at the Miller's shopping plazas in North and West Jackson; all stores on Capitol St., and branches of these stores; and all branches of the W. T. Grant Co. and McRae's. "We'll add more stores as we go along," he said. "If it takes all summer, we'll boycott that long."

Last Saturday, shopping on Capitol St. seemed normal, except for the presence of picketers. "A lot of people don't know about it (the buying campaign)," Johnson explained. "It takes about 30 days to organize a boycott of this size."

60 Pupils Fail

BY BETH WILCOX

GORDONSVILLE -- At the weekly meeting of the Lowndes County Christian Movement for Human Rights, members discussed the fact that more than 60 Negroes did not pass at formerly-white Hayneville High School this year.

"In fact," said one man, "there was only one person who graduated. So they didn't even have a graduation."

"We went to see Mrs. Hulda Coleman (the schools superintendent), and asked why our kids aren't passing," said Frank Miles of Mosses. "Mrs. Coleman said that Hayneville High School kids are 'not interested in going on.' She even told us that they gave the children a test, and one child just wrote on the test, 'I'm so glad I'm in Hayneville High,' that's all."

"She wouldn't give us the name of the child, though. She finally said that the children's standards were so low that they couldn't raise them."

"Mrs. Coleman told us that some kind of achievement tests were given, and the

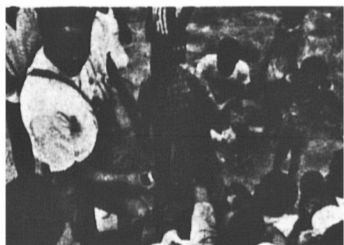
kids didn't pass them," Miles continued. "But what I want to know is how a kid who was making A's and B's until last week comes up flunking. I know lots of these kids worked hard."

One member asked, "Well, I would like to know why one teacher who had 12 students flunked them all."

"These white folks got to find out you're going to stay in that school," said another. "Then they'll stop fighting. I think these white people are trying to get the high school back for themselves, so they won't need a private school. That private school is costing somebody money."

(Nearly all the white students left Hayneville High last fall, when about 100 Negroes enrolled. Many of the white children went to Lowndes Academy, the new private school in Lowndesboro.)

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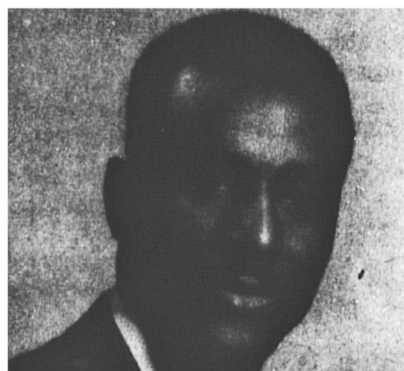
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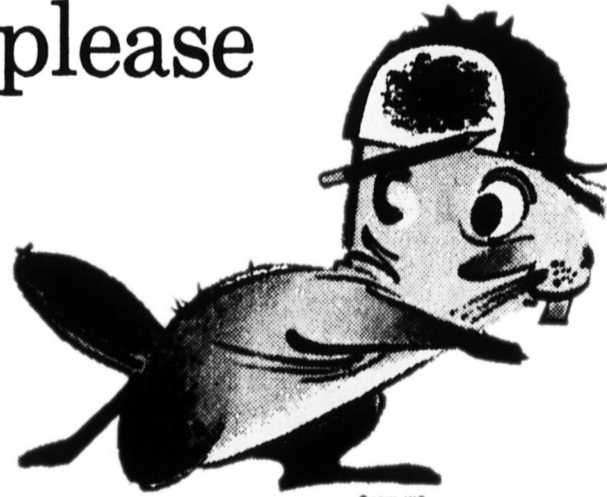
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